

DISTRICT II ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes – October 2, 2000

The District II Advisory Board meeting was held at 7 p.m. at the Patrol East Substation, 350 S. Edgemoor.

Members Present

David Babich
Tom Byrne
Michele Chauncey
Charlotte Foster
John Fuller*
Mary Herrin
Alice James
Shirley Jefferson
Susan Leasure
Council Member Pisciotte

Members Absent

Tod Ford
George Laham
Mike Pompeo
Eric Russell*

City of Wichita Staff

James Armour, Public Works
Mike Lindebak, Public Works

Guests

Arlo Bauer, 1025 Burrus
Cyndy Cross, 1029 Burrus
Joe Cross, 1029 Burrus
Peggy Foltz, 1105 S. Linden
Dennis Haugen, 1134 Burrus
Jody Haugen, 1134 Burrus
Jack Hull, 1104 Burrus
Mary Pat Hull, 1194 Burrus
Jerry Peters, 1033 Burrus
Shirley Veetch
Larry White, 4409 W. 10th
Mike Gorman, HWS
Randy Kasten, HWS

* Denotes alternate DAB member

Council Member Joe Pisciotte called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Susan Leasure (Michele Chauncey) moved that the minutes of the September 25, 2000 meeting be approved as submitted. The motion passed (8-0)

Michele Chauncey (David Babich) moved the agenda be approved as submitted. The motion passed (8-0).

No items were submitted for the planning or traffic agenda.

PUBLIC AGENDA

Larry White, 4409 W. 10th, requested permission to speak concerning the potential 13th Street Bridge crossing over the Wichita-Valley Center Floodway. **White** is a member of the Orchard Park Neighborhood Association which is opposed to the construction of a bridge on 13th Street near the floodway. The group's concerns include the loss of over thirty homes and the effectiveness of a bridge at 13th Street. **White** recommends the bridge being built at 21st Street.

Action: No action required.

Shirley Veetch, Fabrique Neighborhood Association, requested permission to speak concerning drainage in the area of 6300 E. Orme. **Veetch** is concerned with a ditch in the area that floods. The ditch attracts rodents and is reportedly unsanitary. Fabrique Neighborhood Association has been in contact with **Chris Carrier**, Storm Water Engineer, who is working to resolve the issue.

Action: No action required.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Gate removal near Zimmerly & Dalton

The **District II Advisory Board** has taken under consideration the traffic gate removal near Zimmerly & Dalton. This traffic gate was removed in January 1999 pending periodic traffic counts and accident reports to be reviewed by City Council for a decision on whether the gate should remain open.

Residents near the area have attended several DAB meetings and are asking the DAB to recommend closing the gate. These residents are concerned with the number of motorists and school bus drivers using the area as a shortcut. The reported increase has residents worried about the safety of their neighborhood.

Mike Lindebak, City Engineer, presented information from a traffic study dated October 2, 2000. **Lindebak** stated the traffic count shows an increase of traffic from the initial opening of the gate, and that this initial increase has stabilized. **Lindebak** also stated most traffic in this area is internally generated and there is not a significant amount of outside traffic being attracted to the neighborhood.

The District II Advisory Board comments included: 1) witnessing the high traffic volume in the area; 2) the appearance that this intersection is the only connection between two otherwise separate neighborhoods; 3) concern for the safety of the neighborhood; 4) if the gate is closed how will neighborhood traffic move from the eastern neighborhood to the western neighborhood; 5) how will the remainder of the neighborhood react to the gate closing; 6) closing the gate is a Band-Aid approach to the problem.

Action: Based on concerns for the safety of the community, the character of the neighborhood, and the traffic count information the **District II Advisory Board recommended closing the traffic gate 7-1 (Byrne).**

NEW BUSINESS

2. 21st Street North & Rock Road Project

In August 1997 HWS Consultants Inc. completed a study of the Rock Road Corridor from

Pawnee Street to 45th Street North. The purpose of this study was to evaluate traffic patterns, and recommend changes that may be necessary to meet the future demands of traffickers traveling the Rock Road corridor. Among these recommendations were several proposals aimed at meeting the traffic needs of Rock Road near 21st Street North.

Jim Armour, Public Works, introduced **Mike Gorman** and **Randy Kasten**, HWS Consulting. **Kasten** presented diagrams of various project designs for the area near the 21st Street North and Rock Road intersection to the Board.

Action: No action taken.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:25.

Submitted by,

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